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DE3712145	03/17/1988	Baba et al.
EP0003044	07/25/1979	Herzig
JP5069511	03/23/1993	Hara et al.
JP5069512	03/23/1993	Hara et al.
JP62239106	10/20/1987	Baba et al.
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JP1034370	US4,991,574

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DE3712145

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EP0003044

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JP5069511 The relevancy of this document as presently understood is obtained from the English language abstract which indicates that this document discloses a silicone composite body consisting of a base layer made of silicone gel and a surface layer, which is formed on the surface of the base layer, made of silicone elastomer or silicone resin.

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Respectfully submitted

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